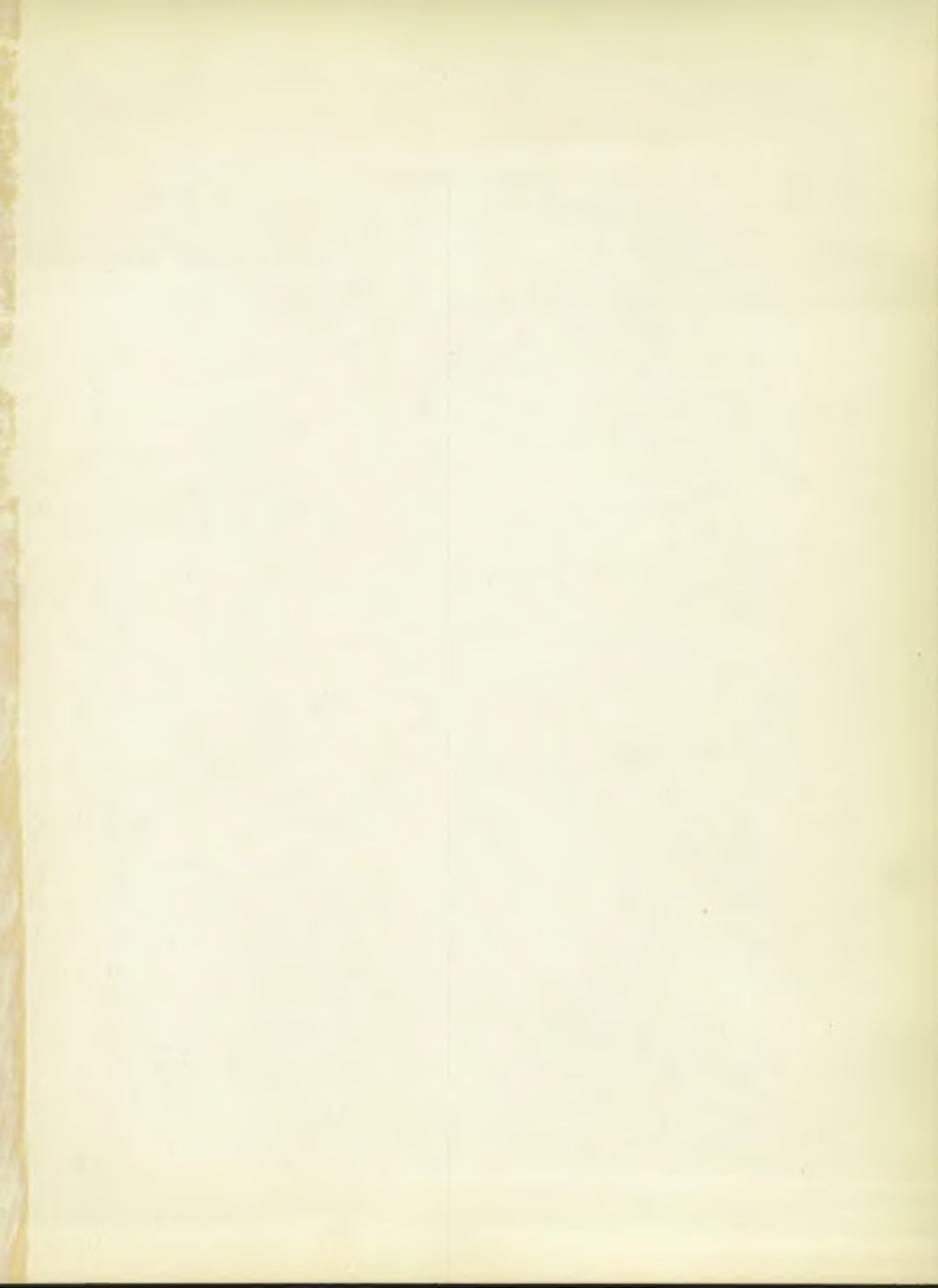


VADE MECUM











PRESENTING.... The Screen Success
of 1950

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Villa Grove High School
Villa Grove, Illinois

"Behind The Scenes"

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Foreword

The lights flash across the set, the script girl settles comfortably into her chair in the wings, and the harassed directors can at last take a deep breath and watch with pride and full assurance of a perfect scene as another finished production takes its place among the "smash-hits" of other years and another half-hundred young actors take their places before the footlights on the great stage of life.

Some few will have starring roles thus winning the acclamation of hundreds; most of us will play only obscure bit-parts in the adult world. But whatever the future holds for the mid-century graduates, they'll be playing their parts to the best of their ability in the tradition instilled in them by the loyal directors, the faculty, in the four memorable years spent in training and preparation for their debut into independence.

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Broadway Hit of The Year

PICTURE OF THE YEAR

Presenting

THE CLASS OF 1950

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Senior Activities

BOB ANDERSON "Act of Violence"

Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Junior Play Cast, Senior Play Cast; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Tnespian 3, 4; Camera Club, Secretary, 3; Chorus 2, 4; Band 1, 2; Student Council 4; Athletic Scholarship 3, 4.

CORA BELL WILCOXEN "Welcome Stranger"

Newman High School 1, 2, 3, and first semester of 4; Press Club 3, 4.

LOIS AUTEN "You Were Meant for Me"

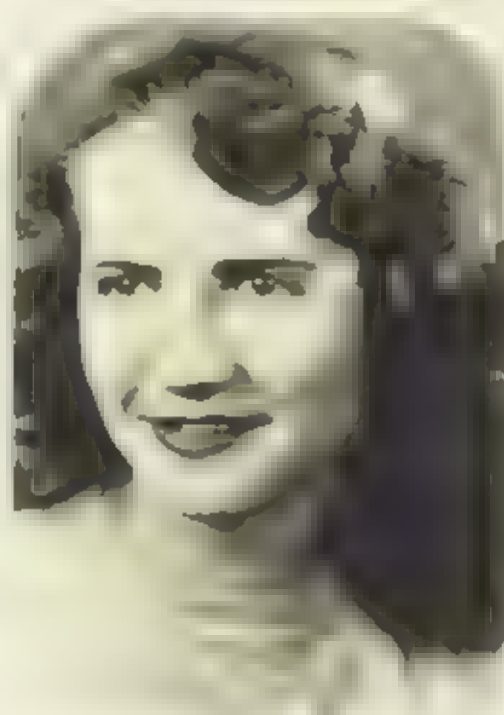
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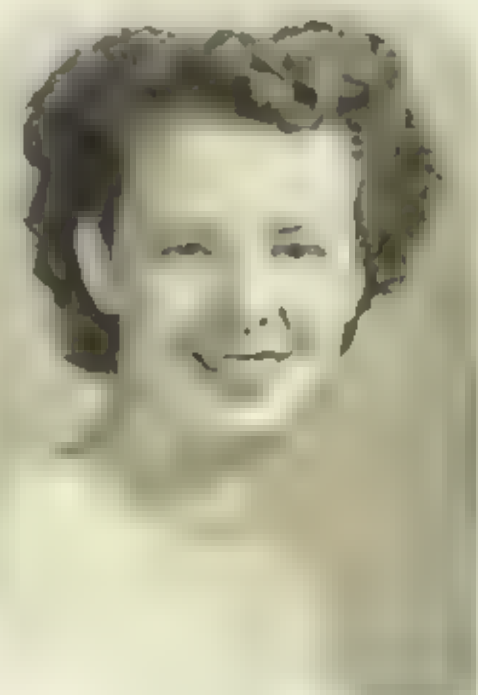
Senior Class - Stars of 1950



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Cora



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Senior Activities

FLORENCE BASHAM "City Across the River"

F.H.A. 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4; Chorus 3, 4.

BETTY BEAN "It Happens Every Spring"

F.H.A. 1, 2; G.A.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Secretary and Treasurer 4; Chorus 2, 3

STELLA BENNETT "Old-Fashioned Girl"

G.A.A. 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2.

TOM BOSCH "Always Leave Them Laughing"

Basketball 3, 4; Football 4; Glee Club 3; Junior Play, Lettermen's Club 4.

JUANITA BRETZ "The Farmer's Daughter"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 4; Newspaper Staff 3.

ANN BYRNES "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Commercial Club 3.

PERRY CHRISTMAN "They Live By Night"

President of Sophomore Class; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Treasurer 2; Dramatic Club 3; Stage Manager 3.

PHYLLIS CRAWFORD "The Gay Lady"

Vice President of Student Council 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary; Annual Staff 4—Assistant Business Manager; Newspaper Staff 3; F.H.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Thespian Club 3, 4; Junior Play—"Meet Me in St. Louis;" Senior Play—"January Thaw."

CLIFFORD DRESCHER "Young Man With a Horn"

Dramatic Club 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, "Meet Me in St. Louis" 3; "January Thaw" 4.



Jean



Bett



Stella



Tony



Vete



Ann



Perk



Ferd



Pete

Senior Activities

IRMA DUBSON "My Friend Irma"

Secretary of Senior Class 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 2.

GEORGE ELDER "Let's Live a Little"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 1; Track 1, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4.

RICHARD ELDER "The Third Man"

Class President 1; Camera Club 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 4; Pep Club 1, 4; Student Council 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1.

PHYLLIS EVERSOLE "This Time for Keeps"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; G.A.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; "Meet Me in St. Louis" 3.

JANE FIELDBINDER "To Each His Own"

Class President 3; F.H.A. 1, 2; G.A.A. 1; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Thespian 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3; "Meet Me in St. Louis" 3.

ROSE MARIE GILLES "My Wild Irish Rose"

Dramatic Club 3, 4; Vice President 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Commercial Club 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Student Council 1; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play—"January Thaw;" Junior Play—"Meet Me in St. Louis."

TOM HANCOCK "Red, Hot and Blue"

Class Vice President 1, 4; Reporter 3; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; President 4; Student Council 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; National Athletic Honor Society.

EILEEN HAPP "Angels in Disguise"

Newspaper Staff 3; Society Editor 4; Business Manager 4; Annual Staff 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 4.

GEORGE HILLARD "Voice of the People"

Class Vice President 3; Dramatic Club 4; Thespian Club 4; Camera Club 3; Lettermen's Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



Dubey



George



Diek



Phil



Annie



Rosie



Rocco



Happy



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Senior Activities

JAMES JACKSON "I Can't Begin to Tell You"

Glee Club 1; Camera Club 3; Basketball 1; Track 3, 4.

PHYLLIS JAEGER "Arctic Manhunt"

Champaign, Illinois 3 years.

JOE JAMES "Stage Fright"

Class Secretary 2; Spanish Club 4; Dramatic Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3;
Annual Staff 4; "Meet Me in St. Louis" 3; "January Thaw" 4.

DALE JESTER "Mr. Soft Touch"

Football 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; F.F.A. Reporter 3;
Thespians Club 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 1; Lettermen's
Club 4; "Meet Me in St. Louis" 3; "January Thaw" 4.

BENNY KING "The Thin Man"

Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4;
Thespians 3, 4; Student Council President 3; Camera Club 3; Letter-
men's Club 3; Junior Play 3.

CATHERINE KRAUS "Bells of St. Mary's"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Commercial Club 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4.

WILFRED LALEY "Ruthless"

Longview High School 1, 2; F.F.A. 1, 2; Football 2; Track 1; Band
1, 2; Newspaper 3, 4; Editor 3; Annual Staff 4; Assistant Editor;
Dramatic Club 3, 4; Woodworking Club 3; Recreation Council 3;
Track 4; Band 3, 4.

WILMA LALEY "Little Women"

Longview High School 1, 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4.

DOROTHY MANNIN "The Weaker Sex"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 4; Chorus 1; Newspaper Staff 3.



Jackie



Rita



Birdie



Smoke



Banjo



Katie



Willie



Wilm



Doi

Senior Activities

SUE ANN MARIS "If You Knew Susie"

Tuscola High School 1, 2; Latin Club 1, 2; Treasurer 2; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4, Editor 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Thespian Club 4; Annual Staff 4.

MARY McCLINTOCK "Neptune's Daughter"

Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4.

MARY ANN MITS DARFER "Annie Get Your Gun"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Treasurer 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

MARY ETTA MOODAY "John Loves Mary"

Class Treasurer 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Thespian 4; Spanish 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Librarian 2, 3; "Meet Me in St. Louis" 3; "January Thaw" 4.

BONNIE PAYTON "No Sad Songs for Me"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1.

CHARLES PFLUM "The Great Lover"

Vice President of Sophomore Class, Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Lettermen's Club 4; Band 1, 2, 4; Secretary 4; Chorus 1, 2, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Student Council 4; Librarian 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 4; Spanish Club 4; Annual Staff 4.

MARGUERITE PRESSLY "A Foreign Affair"

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Band 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President of Pep Club 4.

NORMA PROSSER "The Girl from Jones Beach"

F.H.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3.

ONA RANDELL "The Hasty Heart"

Class Secretary and Treasurer 3; G.A.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Vice President 4.



Susie



Mousie



Mary Ann



Mood



Bo



Chuck



Margie



Norm



On Lee

Senior Activities

PHYLLIS REED "A Life of Her Own"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

BOB RIECK "Night and Day"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Camera Club, President 3; Student Council 4; Senior Class President; Senior Play; Athletic Honor Society 3, 4.

IMOGENE RIDDLE "Love Happy"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3; Pep Club 4; Annual Staff 4.

DICK ROBERTS "Chicago Deadline"

Camera Club 3, 4; Vice President; Football 3, 4; Newspaper Reporter 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatic Club 2; Band 2; Track 3; Spanish Club 4.

LAVONNE RUND "She's a Sweetheart"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Vice President 4; Commercial Club 3, 4.

MARILYN SCHROEDER "Down Melody Lane"

F.H.A. 1, 2; Dramatic Club 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Assistant Editor 3, Annual, Editor 4; Art Club 3.

HAROLD SMITH "The Red Menace"

Chorus 1, 2, 4; Dramatic Club 4; Camera Club 4.

LOUIS SOLIDAY "Quartet"

Dramatic Club 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Band 4; Chorus 4.

BARBARA TAY "Gone With the Wind"

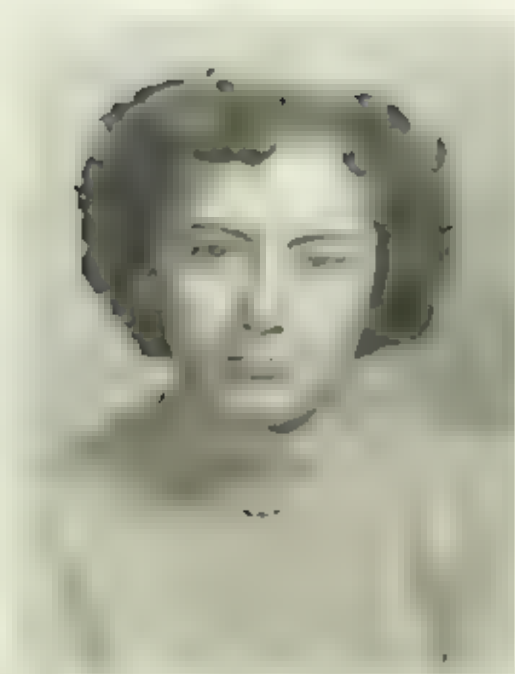
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Phil



Little Bill



Ims



Dick



Vonnie



LYN



H.D.



Louie



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Senior Activities

LESLIE VANDEVENTER "Reckless Moment"

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Watch Dog 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Lettermen's Club 4.

JACKIE WACKER "Tender Years"

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Commercial Club 3; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Pep Club 4; Annual Staff 4.

BILL WAGGLE "Down On the Farm"

Basketball 1; Track 4; Industrial Arts Club 3.

MARY JOYCE WATKINS "Smoky"

Freshman Class Secretary-Treasurer 1; F.H.A. 1, 2; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Song Leader 2; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; Thespian 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Chorus 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Student Council 4; Secretary 4; Annual Staff 4; Honor Society; Junior Play; Senior Play.

NELDA WATKINS "You're My Everything"

G.A.A. 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Thespian 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

DOUG WATSON "Too Late for Tears"

Glee Club 1, 2; Camera Club 3; Track 4.

DON WATTERS "If I'm Lucky"

Football 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Camera Club 3.

MARY WORKMAN "June Bride"

Dramatic Club 3; Band 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; Spanish Club 4.



Les



Jackie



Bill



Slim



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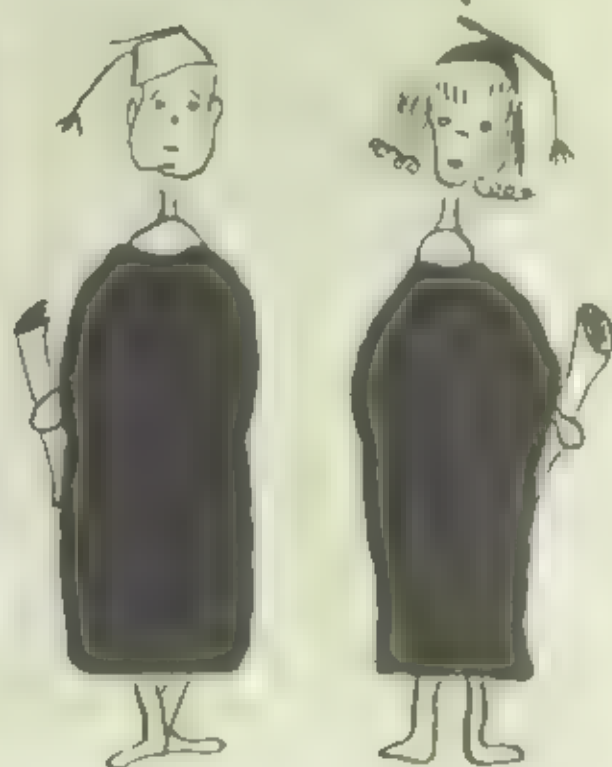
Doug



Don



Liz



Class Will

We, the class of 1950, in fifty-five individual and distinct parts, being about to pass out of this sphere of education, in full possession of a crammed mind, well-trained memory and manners, and almost super-human understanding, do hereby make and publish this our last will and testament.

To the members of the dear faculty, we give and bequeath a sweet and unbroken succession of restful nights and peaceful dreams, which they deserve. They have done their job well, considering what they had to work with.

To the Juniors, we bequeath our brilliant ability to learn quickly and receive high grades so that they too may have hopes of graduating sometime.

To the Sophomores, we bequeath any stubs of pencils, erasers, paper wads, or answer books that we may accidentally leave behind us in the excitement and haste of leaving.

To the Freshmen, we hereby bequeath our ability to get along with all the teachers as we have done the last four years.

To our beloved principal, Mr. Marshall, we give our sincere affection, our heartiest gratitude and the whole unlimited wealth of our eternal memory.

I, Bob Anderson, hereby bequeath my position of "Dad" in the Senior play to anyone who thinks they can support a family.

I, Lois Auten, hereby bequeath my innumerable boy friends to my sister so as to keep them in the family.

I, Florence Basham, leave to make room for my sister, Alice.

I, Betty Bean, leave the memory of my sunny smile, it not being detachable, to brighten the halls for next year's seniors.

I, Stella Bennett, bequeath all my charms which I have acquired during my four years of high school life to Pat Reinhart.

I, Tom Bosch, willingly leave my seat in 6th period English IV class to John Brooks, but I'm taking everything else, including Mary Etta.

I, Juanita Bretz, bequeath my gum-chewing habit and all the second-hand gum to Barbara Patterson.

I, Ann Byrnes, bequeath my cheerful disposition and good-naturedness to Marilyn Henderson.

I, Perry Christman, bequeath my place on the team to Ed Tanous. My ways with the girls I would like to keep.

I, Phyllis Crawford, bequeath my freckles and their lure for "Eastern" men to Dorothy.

I, Clifford Drescher, refuse to leave anything to anyone.

I, Irma Dubson, bequeath my position as a senior to Roger, asking only his last name in return.

I, George Elder, leave (I hope).

I, Richard Elder, bequeath my neat appearance to Tom Gire.

I, Phyllis Eversole, bequeath my melodramatics to Miss Richner to use in next year's Junior Class Play.

I, Jane Fieldbinder, bequeath my musical talents to Jack Christman as "Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast."

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Class Will

I, Rose Marie Gilles, bequeath my many crowns to Mary Kay Robison.

I, Tom Hancock, leave my ability to study for long periods of time to Monty Meeks so that he may graduate too, sometime.

I, Eileen Happ, bequeath my artistic talents to Bob Crouse who enjoys drawing pictures.

I, George Hilard, bequeath my classroom chair to anyone who wants it. I don't.

I, Jim Jackson, bequeath the grease in my hair to Mr. Farrell to use in his Oldsmobile.

I, Phyllis Jaeger, bequeath my great singing voice to Mrs. Hanson, who needs a good voice in her chorus.

I, Joe James, bequeath my speed and deception to Stanley Condiff.

I, Dale Jester, bequeath my wolfing license to Larry Livengood (Gregory) so that he can have as much fun as I have had.

I, Benny King, leave my position as head mule in Frankie Lane's "Mule Train" to Richard Pippin.

I, Catherine Kraas, bequeath my bookkeeping ability to the entire Junior class. They'll need it.

I, Wilfred Laley, bequeath my ability to play the cornet (hitting any and all notes) to Frank Curry.

I, Wilma Laley, bequeath my nearness to the ground to Mary Frances Teter.

I, Dorothy Mannin, bequeath unwillingly my love for speeches and oral book reports to Ann Livengood.

I, Sue Ann Marks, am transferring everything to Charleston. I think I'll need it next year.

I, Mary McClintock, bequeath my daily ride to school to anyone who likes to walk.

I, Mary Ann Mitsdarfer, bequeath my presidency of F.H.A. to Mary Prosser who looks like a worthy candidate.

I, Mary Etta Moodav, bequeath my four-year term as a cheerleader to Betty Elbs who already has a good start.

I, Bonnie Payton, leave my advice, "Always be a careful driver," to Miss Richmer.

I, Charles Pflum, bequeath to Dick Rund my ability of "oneness" in love.

I, Marguerite Pressly, reluctantly leave my friendships with the teachers to Joann Babb.

I, Norma Prosser, bequeath my Florida Suntan to any anemic person.

I, Ona Ransdell, bequeath my position as a dignified senior to "Bugs" Jester.

I, Phyllis Reed, bequeath my distinctive style of hairdress to Catherine Seters.

I, Ingegne Riddle, bequeath my athletic talents (especially in basketball) to Verleen Rund.

I, Bob Krick, bequeath my sixth period siesta to Bill Wise so that he can keep up my good standing in Economics.

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Class Will

I, Dick Roberts, bequeath my position as soda jerk in the Rexall to any other jerk-er.

I, Lavonne Rund, leave my wee small voice to Rosie Bosch.

I, Marilyn Schroeder, bequeath my interest in Millikin men to any under classman who feels the need of an incentive to higher education.

I, Harold Smith, bequeath my girl catching red hair to Lynn Statler.

I, Louis Soliday, bequeath my quiet ways to Catherine Senters who needs them.

I, Barbara Tav, bequeath my gift of gab to Norma McBride and hope it doesn't get her into any more trouble than it did me.

I, Leshe Vandeventer, bequeath my 160 acres, 13 pigs, and a balky mule to the future farmers.

I, Jackie Wacker, bequeath my excellent cookery to Doris Combs with the reminder that "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

I, Billy Waggle, bequeath my "Tarzan" physique to "Junior" Soards.

I, Mary Joyce Watkins, bequeath my technique in driving a Chrysler to anyone who is fool enough to use it.

I, Nelda Rae Watkins, leaves to become Mrs. Mark Mitsdarfer.

I, Don Watters, bequeath the right to be noisy in the study hall to Frank Thomas.

I, Douglas Watson, bequeath my senior picture to the secretary of the Junior Class to be kept in their Archives of Great Men.

I, Mary Workman, willingly leave everything to the school. I'm though with it.

I, Cora Bell Wilcoxon, do hereby bequeath my ability to be seen and not heard to Carolyn Cunningham.

Now, classmates, don't think we are handing you a soak,

Just laugh and take each as a joke.

The above may seem to be trifling bequests, but we hope that they may be accepted, not as worthless things, lavishly thrown away, but as valuable assets to those who may receive them and a continual reminder of the generosity of heart displayed in our free and full bestowal.

And now, we do hereby set our hand and seal in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

THE CLASS OF 1950

Previews of Coming Attractions

It seems like only yesterday since the smash hit "Vade Mecum" was presented. My, how time flies! Here it is 1965 and much has happened to the wonderful stars of that production.

Some of the group have remained in the movies. JOE JAMES has dyed his hair black and has taken over the role of the "Durango Kid." WILFRED LALEY now plays the part of the "Wolf Man."

JANE FULDBINDER has become a famous stylist. Her latest creation is a shatter proof, spun glass bathing suit. It is being modeled throughout the country by the professional model, ONA RANDELL.

MARY JOYCE WATKINS and MARILYN SCHROEDER are considered the world's greatest piano team. Just lately they gave a performance before a group of deaf and dumb orphans.

IMOGENE RIDDLE and JACKIE WACKER are eminent doctors in Fairland in the Research Hospital for Dumb Animals.

IRMA DUBSON is a society matron in Cooksville.

CLIFFORD DRESCHER is making his fortune as a retailer of burlap sweaters.

PERK CHRISTMAN and TOM HANCOCK have been chosen for judges at the annual "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City. NORMA JEAN PROSSER is one of the most promising entrants as "Miss Hugo."

GEORGE HILLARD and BARBARA TAY are a great success as a dance team called "Spike and Tack."

RICHARD ELDER has not been heard of for quite some time. They say he is still lost in the swamps searching for Chloe.

BOB RIECK is now the coach of the girls football team in Camargo. SUE ANN MARIS is doing a fine job in her left wayback position and HAROLD DEAN SMITH is unsurpassed as waterboy.

DICK ROBERTS is still in the drug store business. He now holds down the job as assistant clean-up man.

GEORGE ELDER is recognized in the literary field since the recent publication of his new U.S. History textbook. It is all done in picture writing.

PHYLLIS EVERSOLE has made millions since her new record album has been released.

The classiest night-spot in town is TOM BOSCH'S "Jive Joint." The main attraction is the great bubble-dancer PHYLLIS JAEGER.

SMOKE JESTER and his quartet have just run Gene Trimble out of business in Newman.

PHYLLIS CRAWFORD is the new dean at E.I.S.C.

BILL WAGGLE is the honorary mayor of Hugo with STELLA BENNETT as his private secretary. LESLIE VANDEVENTER holds the position as constable.

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Previews of Coming Attractions

MARY ANN MITS DARFER and LA VONNE RUND went to China as home economists and taught the Chinese a new method of making birds-nest soup.

DON WATTERS has given up trying to work and become a bum.

The noted artist who draws all the pictures for Esquire is EILEEN HAPP.

BONNIE PAYTON is running a taxi service in Fairland.

DOROTHY MANNIN, PHYLLIS REED and JUANITA BRETZ are now dancing with the Rockettes.

The scientific BOB ANDERSON has discovered a feet-cleaning device in his bathroom called "soap."

DOUG WATSON has taken up farming in the Longview area for certain reasons.

LOUIS SOLIDAY is employed by Barnum & Bailey Circus. He has charge of the trained fleas.

LOIS AUTEN and MARY WORKMAN are employed as official doughnut dunkers and coffee coolers at a famous eating place.

JIM JACKSON is the new local Studebaker dealer.

NELDA WATKINS is racing with the moon driving Mitsdarfer's "Hot-rod."

BETTY BEAN left for the Hawaiian Islands soon after school and is now the number one hula-hula dancer. Her personal maid is FLORENCE BASHAM.

ANN BYRNES is known as "Doctor Killemquick" and she creates a prosperous business for CATHERINE KRAUS who is an undertaker in Doowadidy.

MARY ETTA MOODAY and ROSE MARIE GILLES are still leading cheers. Now they are at Notre Dame.

WILMA LALEY, because of her smallness, fell through a crack in the earth, and is now studying underground activities.

MARGUERITE PRESSLY went to California and is now employed as Arthur Murray's dancing instructor.

BENNY KING has gone to the jungles of Africa to study "spiders."

CHARLES PFLUM recently won the title as "The World's Speediest Typist."

MARY JANE MCCLINTOCK runs the Snobby Doggy Beauty Shoppe; her specialty is manicuring the toenails of all the pooches.

CORA BELL WILCOXEN is happily married to Senator Phil Buster.

So we bid farewell to all our old friends with the hopes that some day we may see them all in the movies.

Rave Notices

THE PERFECT COED OF V.G.H.S. HAS:

The competence of Lois Auten; the willingness to work of Jean Basham
The laugh of Betty Bean; the dependability of Stella Bennett
The enthusiasm of Juanita Bretz; the friendliness of Ann Byrnes
The dimples of Phyllis Crawford; the cheerfulness of Irma Dubson
The femininity of Phyllis Eversole; the smile of Jane Fieldbinder
The figure of Rose Gilles; the artistic talent of Eileen Happ
The sense of humor of Phyllis Jaeger; the quietness of Catherine Kraus
The petiteness of Wilma Laley; the speed of Dorothy Mannin
The eyes of Sue Maris; the dancing ability of Mary McClintock; the trustworthiness of Mary Ann Mitsdarfer
The hair of Mary Mooday; the driving of Bonnie Payton
The pep of Marguerite Pressly; the style of Ona Ransdell
The tan of Norma Prosser; the easy giggle of Phyllis Reed; the starry-eyed look of Imogene Riddle
The complexion of Lavonne Rund; the musical talent of Marilyn Schroeder
The conversational ability of Barbara Tay; the neatness of Jackie Wacker
The clothes of Mary Watkins; the ability to go steady of Nelda Watkins
The energy of Cora Wilcoxon; the diamond of Mary Workman

THE PERFECT BOY OF V.G.H.S. HAS:

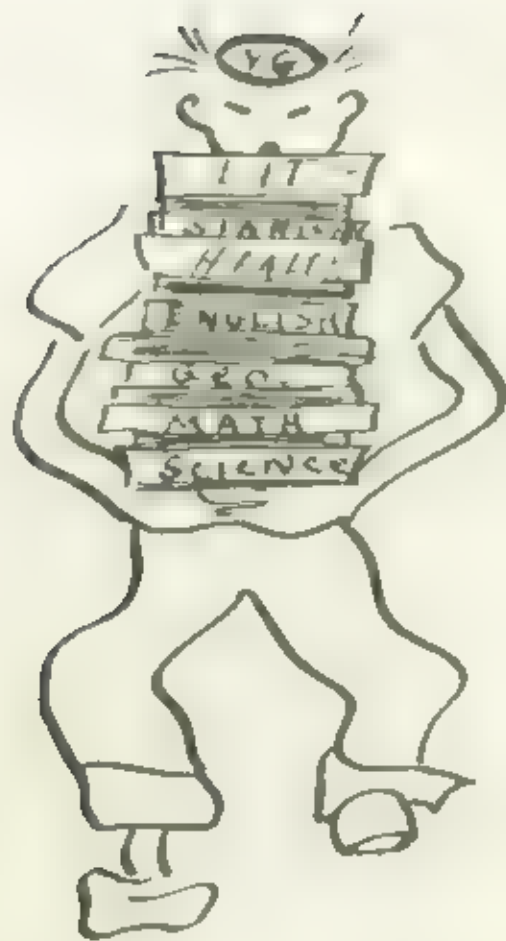
The physique of Bob Anderson; the friendliness of Tom Bosch
The hair of Perk Christman; the profile of Clifford Drescher
The easy going manner of George Elder, the well dressed look of Richard Elder
The athletic ability of Tom Hancock; the smile of George Hillard
The horsemanship of Jim Jackson; the sincerity of Joe James
The carefree attitude of Smoke Jester, the fun-lovingness of Benny King
The scholarship of Wilfred Laley; the eyes of Charles Pflum
The 'executive' knack of Bob Rieck; the job of Dick Roberts
The vitality of Harold Smith; the drum beating of Louis Soliday
The good-naturedness of Leshe Vandeventer; the love for work of Bill Waggle
The politness of Doug Watson; the luck of Don Watters

D. A. R.



Sue Ann Maris was chosen by The Students and faculty to receive the annual award given an outstanding Senior girl by the Daughters of The American Revolution. The first two of her high school years were spent in Tuscola High School. She has been active in Chorus four years Latin Club the first two, serving as Treasurer her second year, in F.H.A. three years, Dramatic Club, Thespian, The Blueprint staff two years, as Editor her Senior year, and Annual Staff.

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Front Row: Jack Kleiss, Barbara Patterson, Pat Reinhart, Mary Prosser, Joanne Babb, Carolyn Cunningham, Barbara Page, Catherine Senters, Joan Fleener, Norma Rhodes, Joan Bender.

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Third Row: Jim Prosser, Pat Love, Charles Billman, Bob Crossman, Frank Thomas, Harold Rogers, Frank Curry, Don Butler, Arthur Harper, Bob Junkins.

Fourth Row: Bob Cullum, Charles Andrews, Bill Wise, Ronald Elder, Jack Griffin, Roger Cook, Carl Soliday, Dick Rund.

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Front Row: Alice Basham, Mabel Jackson, Ruth Maris, Ruby Williams, Marilyn Henderson, Chloanne Reedy, JoAnn Kleiss, Betty Elbs, Dorothy Crawford, Yvonne Perry, Lois Wells.

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Fourth Row: Jim Richards, Ed McCartney, Cecil Byrnes, Dale Shunk, Fred Hutchison, Ronald Novak, Don Mitsdarfer, Delene Stewart, Don Happ, Montelle Meeks, Bill Wegeng, Jim Fanakos, Mr. Farrell.

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Third Row: Don Schaeffer, Paul McKinzie, Steven Bragg, Stanley Condiff, Francis Gillogly, Roy Elder, Philip Harris, Jack Christman, Arthur Scards, Richard McCullum, Don Bender, Don Pyle, Gene Gentile, Leon Williams, Mr. Wolfe.

Fourth Row: Gene Fieldbinder, Richard Pippen, Casey Novak, Harold Martin, David Bragg, John Berry, Eddie Taylor, Charles Benl, Morris Phipps, John Wiley, Tom Gire, Dean Keith, James Massie, Jerry English, Jimmy Wills.



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March of Time

September 6—School starts—Vacation Days are Gone but not Forgotten.

- 16—First football game—Rantoul there.
- 20—Senior pictures were taken—Smile, Smile, Smile.
- 23—Football game—Farmer City there
- 27—Freshman potluck—Eat, Drink and be Merry for Tomorrow You May Die.
- 30—Football game—Monticello here—Homecoming Game.

October 5—Pancake Festival—Plenty of Pancakes for Everyone.

- 7—Football Game—Sullivan there.
- 11—G.A.A. Initiation—A Fishing We Will Go.
- 13—End of First 6 Weeks—Honor Roll Genius.
- 14—Football Game—Atwood here—Sock Dance—Big Feet and Bright Socks.
- 20—G.A.A. Hike and Weiner Roast—Tired and Hungry.
- 21—Football Game—Oakland there.
- 24—Frederick Sjöburn—Special Assembly—Concert Pianist—Long Hair—Music With a Boogie Beat.
- 27—Juniors Ordered Class Rings—Seniors Selected Announcements
- 28—Football Game—Oakwood here.

November 4—Glenn L. Morris—Special Assembly—Electronics Flying Low With a Bang-Up Ending.

- 4—Football Game—Tuscola there.
- 5—G.A.A. Bakery Sale—Yum-Yum.
- 9—School Visitation—Behave Yourself Junior.
- 10—Football Game—Newman here—Defeat of The Champs.
- 11—Armistice Day—No School—Watch Out Rabbits and Pheasants.
- 18—Senior Play ("January Thaw")—Baby It's Cold Outside.
- 22—First Basketball Game—Longview there.

December 6—Basketball Game—Tuscola here—V.G. broke standing record.

- 8—F.F.A. Magician Show—Rosie Lost Her Head It's Magic.
- 9—Basketball Game—Oakland there.
- 10—Basketball Game—Longview here.
- F.H.A. Food Sale—Good but Hard On the Figure.
- 13—Basketball Game—Arthur there.
- 16—Basketball Game—Monticello here.
- 19—F.F.A. and F.H.A. Dance—Blue Jeans and Calico.
- 21—F.H.A. Christmas Caroling—"Silent Night."
- 22—Christmas Program—Here Comes Santa Claus.
- 22—January 2—Christmas Vacation.

January 3—Basketball Game—Bement here.

- 6—Basketball Game—Charleston here.
- 12-13—Semester Exams—Think, Brains, Think!
- 13—Basketball Game—Newman here.
- 17—Basketball Game—Tuscola there.

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March of Time

January

- 20—Basketball Game—Oakland here.
- 24-27—Okaw Tournament—Atwood.
- 30—G.A.A. Skating Party—Take a Pillow With You Girls.
- 31—Basketball Game—Atwood here.

February 3—Basketball Game—Monticello there

- 7—Basketball Game—Arcola there.
- 9—Douglas County Music Festival.
- 10—Teacher's Institute—No School—Lucky Kids.
- 13—G.A.A. Valentine Dance—Dancing Hearts.
- 14—Basketball Game—Cerro Gordo here.
- 15—F.H.A. Valentine Party—Dear Hearts and Gentle People.
- 15—Father and Son Banquet—F.F.A.
- 17—Basketball Game—Newman there.
- 18—Basketball Game—Altamont there.
- 24—End of Fourth Six Weeks—Oh, Those Old Tests Again.
- 24—All-School Party—Sophomore Class.
- 28-March 3—Regional Tournament.

March 7-11—Sectional Tournament.

- 10—Marionettes—Dance, Puppets, Dance.
- 16-18—State Tournament.
- 24—Junior and Senior High School Dance—Dance, Fallerna, Dance
- 25—Solo-Ensemble District Contest, Charleston.

April 1—Organizations Music Contest.

- 4—F.H.A. Style Show—Strictly Broadway Beauties.
- 6—End of Fifth Six Weeks—One More to Go.
- 7—Good Friday—No School.
- 10—Easter Vacation—No School—In Your Easter Bonnet.
- 21—Junior Play.
- 28-29—State Final Music Contest—Do, Ra, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do.

May 3—Gibson Schwerk—Special Assembly.

- 6—Junior Senior Prom—Tux and Formals.
- 9—G.A.A. Banquet—Mothers and Daughters Get Together.
- 17—Thespian Tea—Future Hollywood Stars.
- 18-19—Senior Exams—Reserved for Below "B" Average Students.
- 19—Sports Banquet—Awards Given.
- 25-26—Semester Exams—It Won't be Long Now.
- 26—Honors Night.
- 28—Baccalaureate.
- 30—No School.
- 31—Report Cards—A's, B's, C's, D's, or F's?????
- 31—Commencement—THE END.





Oscars For 1948-49

Valedictorian _____ Betty Anaker

Salutatorian _____ Dorothy McNussen

MEDALS PRESENTED FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT

Mathematics	Betty Anaker
English	Betty Anaker
Social Science	Dorothy McNussen
Vocational—Industrial Arts	Fred Schmidt
Band	Bob Reinhart
Girls Chorus	Betty Anaker
Agriculture	Richard Keith
Home Economics	Lois Auten
Best Thespian	Mary Wingle
Dramatics	Doris Offutt
Athletics	Lee Crossman
Foreign Language	Audrey Smith
Junior Cape	Marilyn Schroeder
(Received each year by highest ranking Junior)	
Senior Cape Presentation	Betty Anaker
D.A.R. Award	Betty Anaker
Danforth Foundation Award	Dorothy McMussen and Jack Speelman

National Athletic Honor Society: Bob Crossman, John Brooks, Charles Andrews, Denny Barber, Tom Hancock, Bob Anderson, Ronald Elder, Bob Rieck, Tom Kanakos.

Active Members: Jack Speelman, George Hillard, Perry Christman.

National Honor Society: Jack Speelman, Dorothy McNussen, Betty Anaker.

Probationary Members: Marv Joyce Watkins, Rose Marie Gilles, SueAnn Maris, Marilyn Schroeder, Bob Anderson, Charles Andrews, Mary Prosser.

Perfect Attendance for Past School Year: Rita Christian, Connie Fanakos, Jim Fanakos, Marilyn Henderson, Dorothy Mannin, Mary McClintock, Mary Ann Mitsdarier, Carl Soliday, Lynn Statzer, Bill Wise.

Scholarship Letters: Presented to the members of each class with year average of 4.5: Betty Anaker, Dorothy McNussen, Jack Speelman, Royce Maxfield, Rose Marie Gilles, Marilyn Schroeder, Audrey Smith, Marv Joyce Watkins, Wilfred Laley, Charles Andrews, Joan Benier, Bob Crossman, Ann Livengood, Jim Prosser, Mary Prosser, Kay Curry, Bob Crossman, Ann Livengood, Jim Prosser, Mary Prosser, Kay Curry, Janice Davis, Mabel Jackson, Ruth Maris, Barbara Steffins, Janice Davis, Mabel Jackson, Ruth Maris, Barbara Steffins.



S P O R T S



Football

VARSITY SQUAD

First Row: B. Anderson, D. Jester, G. Hillard, C. Drescher, D. Rund, B. Rieck, J. Brooks, J. Fanakos.

Second Row: T. Hancock, H. Smith, B. Crossman, B. Wise, L. Vandeverter, P. Love, B. King, P. Christman, C. Pflum.

Third Row: Mr. Weir, C. Andrews, F. Thomas, D. Roberts, D. Elder, D. Vaughn, C. Soliday, R. Elder, D. Watters, T. Bosch, L. Soliday, D. Butler, B. Junkins, D. Johnson, Mr. Kelley.

SECOND SQUAD

First Row: D. Johnson, D. Bender, E. Tanous, D. Ament, T. Gire, L. Statzer, L. Livengood, J. Massie, B. Crouse, S. Bragg, S. Condiff.

Second Row: Mr. Kelley, C. Andrews, D. Schaefer, J. Wiley, M. Meeks, R. Novak, C. Behl, J. Berry, C. Novak, D. Bragg, R. Massie, C. Cannon, Mr. Weir.

Track

When the track season opened the following boys were before the sports camera:

Freshman: Casey Novak, John Wiley, Frances Gillogly, Charles Behl, Bob Greger, Phil Harris, Don Pyle, Jim Massie.

Sophomore: Don Ament, Fred Hutchison, Charles Cannon, Ronald Novak, Jim Fanakos, Montelle Meeks, Dick Massie, Don Mitsdarfer.

Junior: Pat Love, Dick Rund, Carl Soliday, Frank Thomas, John Brooks, Jack Kleiss, Ray Stebbins.

Senior: Jim Jackson, Wilfred Laley, Douglas Watson, Leslie Vandeventer, Perry Christman, Charles Pflum, Bill Waggle, Clifford Drescher, George Elder, Bob Anderson.



VARSITY SQUAD



WRESTLING SQUAD



TRACK

Sportscast

FOOTBALL STORY

On a fine August day forty-five boys reported to coaches Weir and Kelley to start practice for our coming football season. After many weeks of practice they took their first trip to Rantoul. Although they showed great spirit and fought hard, they suffered a defeat of 20-0.

Our next game took us to Farmer City where another great show of football was staged. Although we met defeat, John Brooks made us a touchdown to make the score 27-7.

In our third game of the season the Grovers were hosts to the Monticello Sages. This was our homecoming game and the boys played hard. The odds were against us again and the Sages took a 20-0 victory home with them.

The following week the Grovers having suffered many defeats, journeyed to Sullivan all ready to take a victory home. The Redskins were no pushover as the Grovers found out as we again met defeat of 19-0.

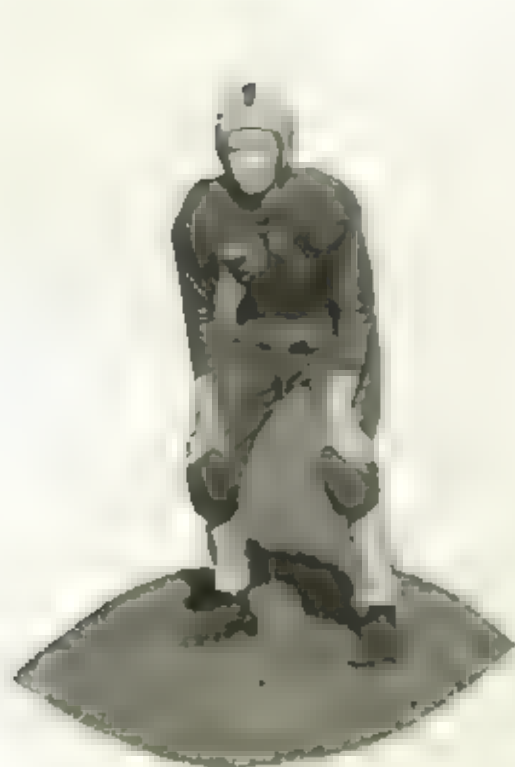
The Grovers, tired of seeing defeat, were hosts to the Atwood Raiders. In spite of hoping to win a victory, the Grovers couldn't stop John Hamilton and again stepped behind to a defeat of 25-6, Perry Christman making our second touchdown for the season.

Going farther South, Villa Grove went to Oakland to play ball. Through all the mud and rain Oakland handed us a loss of 21-6 with Perry Christman making our third touchdown for the year.

Villa Grove now suffering all defeats were hosts to Oakwood from the Vermilion Conference. We found these boys a hard fighting eleven too. They gave us a defeat of 33-0.

This week the Tuscola Warriors played host to the Villa Grove Blue Devils. It was homecoming there and the Warriors played a great battle to defeat us 27-0.

This week was the end of our football season. What a show the Blue Devils put on this time against the Newman Redskins. Yard by yard it was a fight and the Grovers finished their season with a tie ball game of 0-0.



T Hancock Q.B.



D Jester R.E.



P.Christman H.B.



P Love F.B.



L.Vandeventer H.B.



C.Drescher L.G.



D.Rund L.T.



G Hillard R.T.



B. Reick R.G.



C.Pflum C



J. Brook L.E.

Sportscast

BASKETBALL STORY

This basketball season at Villa Grove turned out not to be one of defeat but one of many victories and wonderful ball-play. When the cameras started rolling the Devils were on location at Longview where they played ball high above their percentage so as to take a victory of 53-37. Tom Hancock led the Blue Devils in scoring with 19 points.

Our next game took the Blue Devils to Atwood where again they showed good ball handling and added another victory of 56-33, with Bill Wise leading the scoring with 19 points, to their record.

After two victories in a row Villa Grove was host to Arcola. The score was neck and neck all the way but Villa Grove bowed to a defeat 31-32. Bill Wise was once more high scorer with 9 points.

In their first conference game of the season the Blue Devils played their neighborly rivals the Tascara Warriors. For the first time in at least five years Villa Grove handed the Warriors a defeat of 45-38. Tom Hancock again led the scoring with 13 points.

Villa Grove journeyed to Oakland the following week. Although the Oaks had an advantage with a little gym, they didn't have enough steam to down the Villa Grove Quintet as we brought home a victory of 50-41. John Brooks made his debut as the high scorer with 13 points.

The following evening Villa Grove played host to Longview. The Hornets, having improved quite a bit by this time, put on a fine show of ball play and beat the Blue Devils 36-40. John Brooks still was on top as high scorer with 11 points.

On December 31, the Blue Devils went to Arthur. Another close ball game for the quintet, but the Grovers came out the victor with a win of 39-37. George Hlland was leading the hit parade with 19 points.

A few nights later the Grovers were hosts to the Monticello Sages. Monticello, having succumbed to no one during the season, handed the Grovers a 55-45 defeat. John Brooks stepped back into the spotlight with 13 points.

On January 3 Villa Grove met Bement. From all the disturbance because of rising waters the Devils still came out the winner with 38-31 victory. Tom Hancock was high scorer with 8 points.

With the loss of about a week's practice the Grovers went to Newman and played its poorest game of the season. The Redskins downed the battling five, 54-27. Tom Hancock, still leading the scorers, was high with 8 points.

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BASKETBALL STORY

On January 17 Villa Grove again met the Tuscola Warriors. For the second time in the season Villa Grove beat the Warriors 36-28 and added a newcomer on the hit parade, Bob Anderson, leading the scorers with 13 points.

Villa Grove playing Oakland for the second time beat the Oaks again with a 39-31 victory. Tom Hancock was stal high with 15 points.

Going into the Okaw Tournament this week the Grovers picked Atwood as its first victim. Villa Grove got by, in a close game, with a victory of 37-31. Bill Wise leading the scoring.

In the second game of the tournament the Devils had to meet the hard fighting Monticello Sages. They gave us a defeat of 48-38. This time Bob Anderson again led the scoring with 9 points.

Although Monticello put us out of the top bracket we played Cerro Gordo for third place. The quartet wasn't playing too good ball and met a defeat of 51-42.

The week after the tournament the Grovers met Atwood for the third time this season. The Raahs came to town with victory on their faces but went home with sad traces because the Devils beat them 39-23. John Brooks stepped back into the lime light with 9 points.

Villa Grove journeyed to Monticello this time. This was the third time to meet the Sages too. Chet Woodall and Dick Gadbury couldn't be stopped as we lost 52-34. Perry Christman took the bows as high scorer with 8 points.

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Identification of Basketball Pictures Appearing on Following Page

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First Row: Perry Christman, Tom Bosch, John Brooks, Bob Anderson, George Hillard, Bill Wise, Tom Hancock.

Second Row: Mr. Weir, Louis Soladay, Stanley Condiff, Frank Thomas, Ronald Elder, Benny King, Harold Smith, Pat Love, Charles Andrews.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE SQUAD

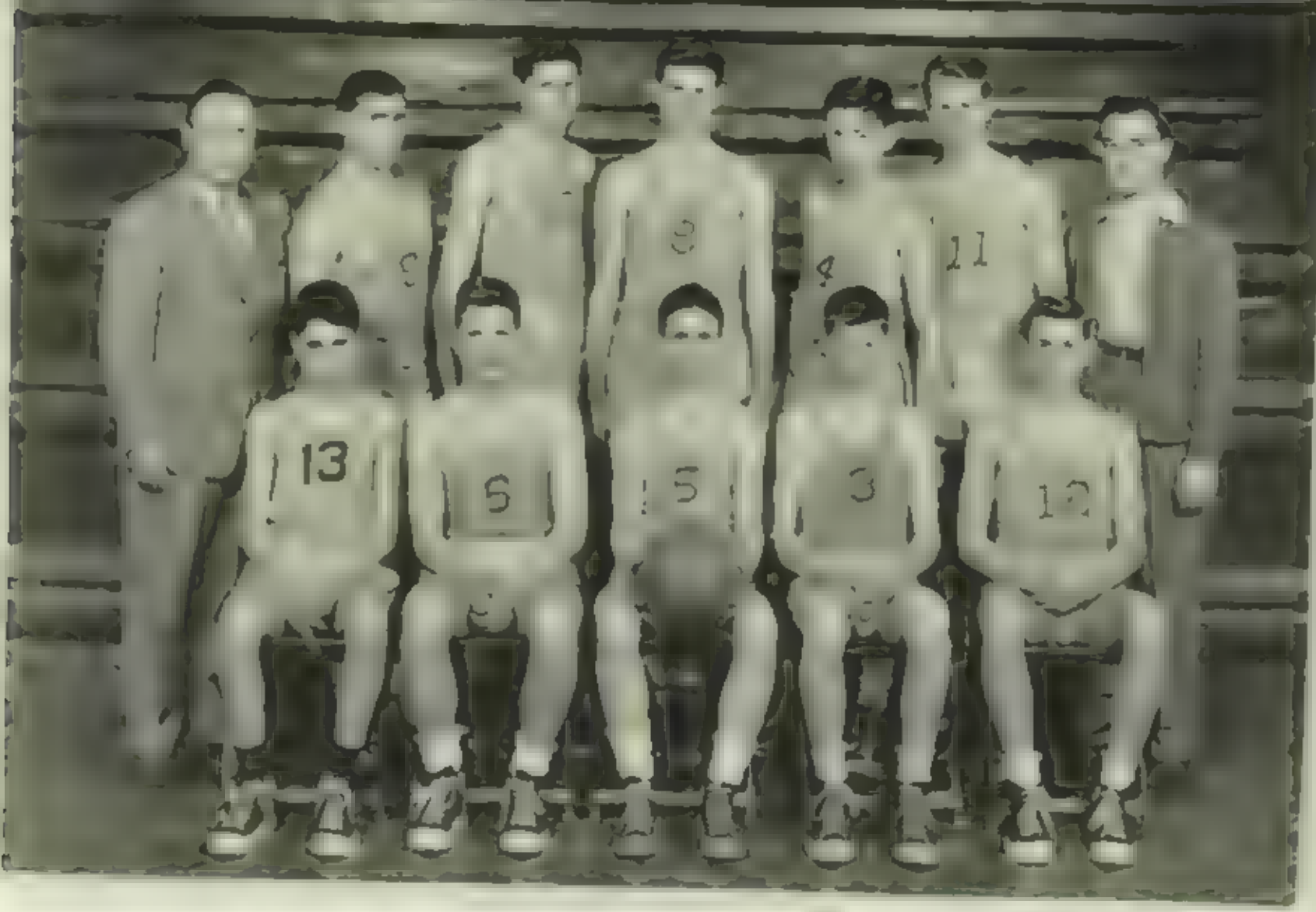
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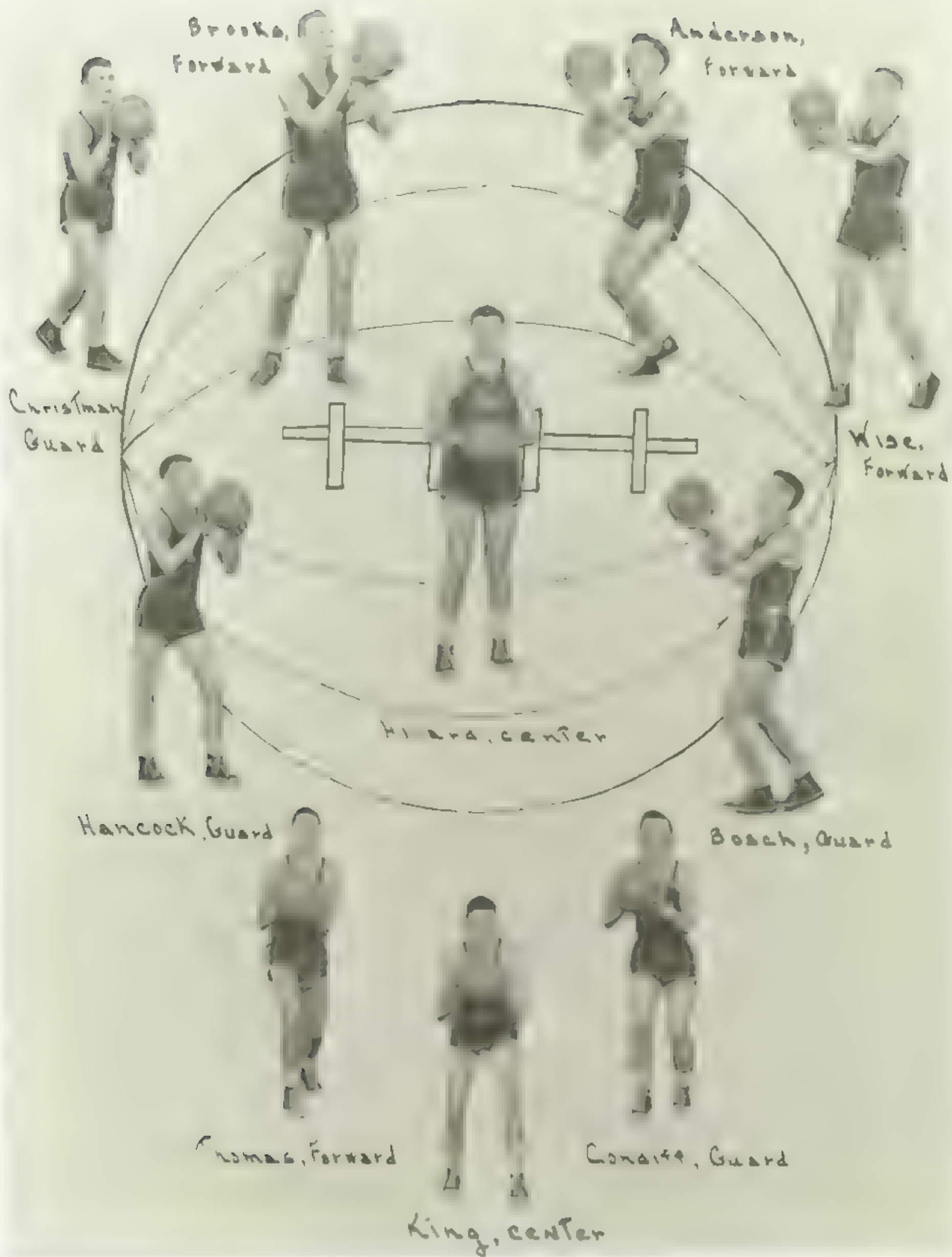
BASKETBALL



VARSITY SQUAD



FRESHMAN — SOPHOMORE SQUAD



BASKETBALL STORY

On February 7, the Devils went to Arcola. This being one of their off-nights, the Grovers suffered another defeat from the Riders, 57-36. Bill Wise led the scoring with 11 points.

Having to play their games at the High School now, the Blue Devils were hosts to Cerro Gordo who, for the second time of the season, gave us a defeat of 34-30. Tom Hancock was still on top with 12 points.

Villa Grove, putting on a better show against Newman this time than last, was only defeated for the second time 40-36. Tom Hancock was high with 12 points.

Traveling farther south to finish their season, Villa Grove went to Altamont. Here they met another defeat of 56-38. John Brooks climbed on top again with 14 points.

Now starting probably one of the biggest thrills in the Grovers season, they went into the Regional Tournament against Neoga. They gave Neoga a defeat of 39-27. John Brooks still standing in the spotlight with 12 points as highest scorer.

After a night's lay-off, Villa Grove met Mattoon. No one expecting a victory was amazed at the wonderful show of ball handling, the Villa Grove five put on to down the Green Waves 32-29. John Brooks was on top with 8 points.

Going into the Championship game of the tournament, the Grovers met Sullivan for the first time this year. Villa Grove played another fine game of ball and came out the winner with a 44-33 victory. Bill Wise was high with 11 points.

The Villa Grove Five, a Cinderella Team, journeyed to Casey for the Sectional Tournament. This was Villa Grove's first trip to the Sectional in at least 12 years. Here they met Decatur and a defeat of 51-35. Here also, the smooth Villa Grove team put up their suits to end a mighty prosperous basketball season.

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Activities



...Holiday Affair...



...The 3 of Us...



...The Dolly Sisters...



Look for the Silver Lining



...The Set-Up...



...Dancing in the Dark...

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LIBRARY STAFF

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President M. Best

First Row: B. Bean, M. McClintock.

Second Row: M. Prosser, P. Reinhart, O. Ransdell, R. Gilles.

Third Row: P. Ballard, K. Kraus, L. Rund, M. Mitsdafer and Mrs. Conn.

Flashback

CHAPTER 50

My life has been interesting. I have tried to explore as many fields, take part in as many activities, and be of as much value as possible. Therefore, my careers have been short but numerous and vital.

At an early age, I entered Politics. My first experience in such was with the Student Council, which has constantly acted as a buffer between the students and administration during the year 1949-50, effecting numerous changes for the good of the student body. To guide us through a busy year, we chose as President, George Hillard; as Vice President, Phyllis Crawford; Secretary, Mary Joyce Watkins; and Treasurer, Barbara Patterson.

We were successful in sponsoring an all-school Thanksgiving Dance and a Talent Show.

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Standing: W. Laley, B. King, J. James, M. Mitsdarfer, E. Happ, Mrs. Conn, S. Maris, O. Ransdell, D. Jester, C. Pflum.

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W. Laley, D. Roberts, B. Cullum, J. Kleiss, M. Jester, C. Vaughn, J. Shunk, O. Ransdell, A. Byrnes, K. Kraus, Mrs. Conn, S. Maris, P. Kraft, H. Melton, E. Happ, R. Bosch, M. Christian, J. Davis, R. Maris and Miss Parr.

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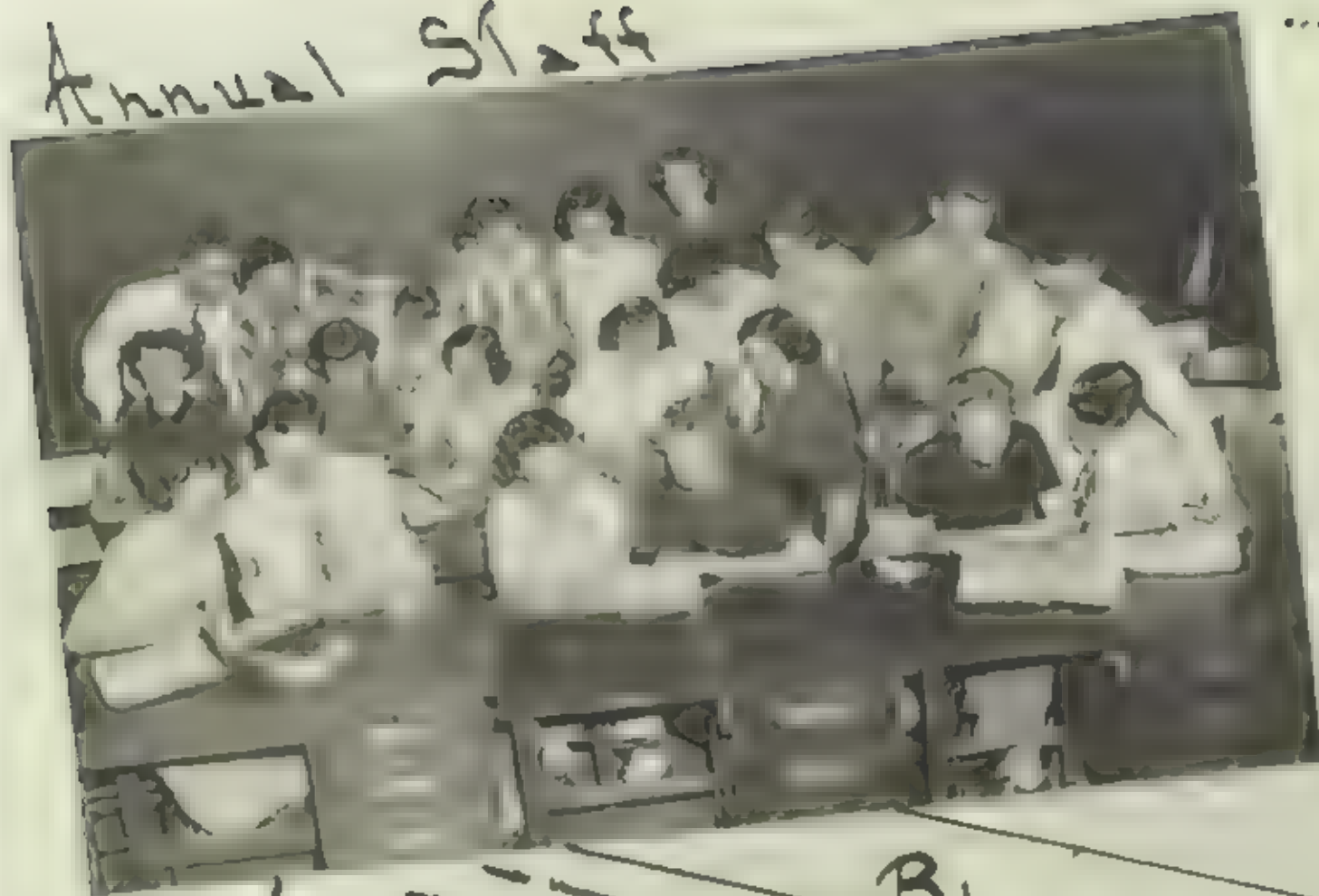
As I progressed in Politics, I became interested in foreign relations. I learned some of the language and customs of our Southern neighbors through membership in the Spanish Club. "La Familia" in its initial year of existence is headed by Padre John Brooks aided by Madre Joann Babb and Carolyn Cunningham. Our Homecoming float was awarded "first" and we decorated the prize winning C. F. Watkins float for the pancake festival.

The next interest of my life was Journalism. Reports of my progress could be found throughout the year in "The Blueprint"—student newspaper. This was entrusted to Sue Ann Maris. She was aided by Ona Ransdell, Assistant Editor and Eileen Happ, Business Manager. The other production, "Vade Mecum" was headed by Editor Marilyn Schroeder. Wilfred Laley served as Assistant Editor and business affairs were managed by Joe James and Phyllis Crawford. Always on the scene of the news were members of the Camera Club which was headed by Charles Pflum, director of photography for the Vade Mecum. His helpers were Dick Roberts and Secretary-Treasurer Don Ament.

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Annual Staff

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Front Row: D. Mitsdarfer, C. Cannon, J. Prosser, L. Livengood, D. Happ,  
**L. Vandeventer, Mr. Farrell.**

Second Row: E. Taylor, P. McKenzie, J. Massie, J. Bennett, A. Soards,  
**D. Butler, C. Byrnes, D. Rund.**

Third Row: R. Elder, J. English, S. Bragg, D. Shunk, M. Phipps, G. Elder,  
**R. Cook, D. Bragg, J. Berry, B. Crouse, J. Christman.**

### F.H.A.

First Row: V. Rund, L. Rund, M. Mitsdarfer, P. Eversole, S. Maris,  
**F. Basham, I. Auten, P. Reed, B. Payton, N. Watkins, W. Laley.**

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**ham, M. Henderson, Y. Perry, C. Ready, N. Watkins, J. Bender**  
**K. Curry.**

Second Row: M. Robison, M. Teter, J. Babb, B. Patterson, P. Cutler,  
**S. Reinhart, D. Maulding, A. Tucker, S. Schreib, S. Lassen,**  
**L. Williams.**

Third Row: B. Schreib, J. Bretz, D. Mannin, C. Vaughn, D. Combs,  
**A. Basham, J. Wacker, I. Riddle, M. McClintock, M. Jester, F. Thomas,**  
**D. Pyle.**

Fourth Row: R. Novak, R. Pippen, J. Wiley, D. Schaefer, C. Cannon,  
**D. Hoops, F. Hutchison, B. Wegeng, L. Statzer, R. Massie, D. Jester,**  
**L. Livengood, E. Tanous.**

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## Flashback

Our interest included affairs of the home and field. "Agriculture in Action" might well have been the motto of the busy F.F.A. boys. Wielding the gavel was President Jim Prosser, and his aides were Vice President Charles Cannon, Secretary Larry Livengood, and Treasurer Dan Happ. The boys won \$201 in prizes at the F.F.A. Sectional Fair. A highlight of their activities was the Parent and Son Banquet.

On the "Homefront," the fifty girls in F.H.A. were always on duty. President of this club was Mary Ann Mitsdarfer; Vice President, Lavonne Rund; Secretary, Verlene Rund; and Treasurer, Phyllis Eversole.

In the field of sports, are our two clubs, Lettermen's Club and G.A.A., the first for the muscle-men of V.G. High, and the latter to keep the young ladies in trim.

Heading the Lettermen's Club were Tom Hancock, President; Perk Christman, Vice President; and John Brooks, Secretary.

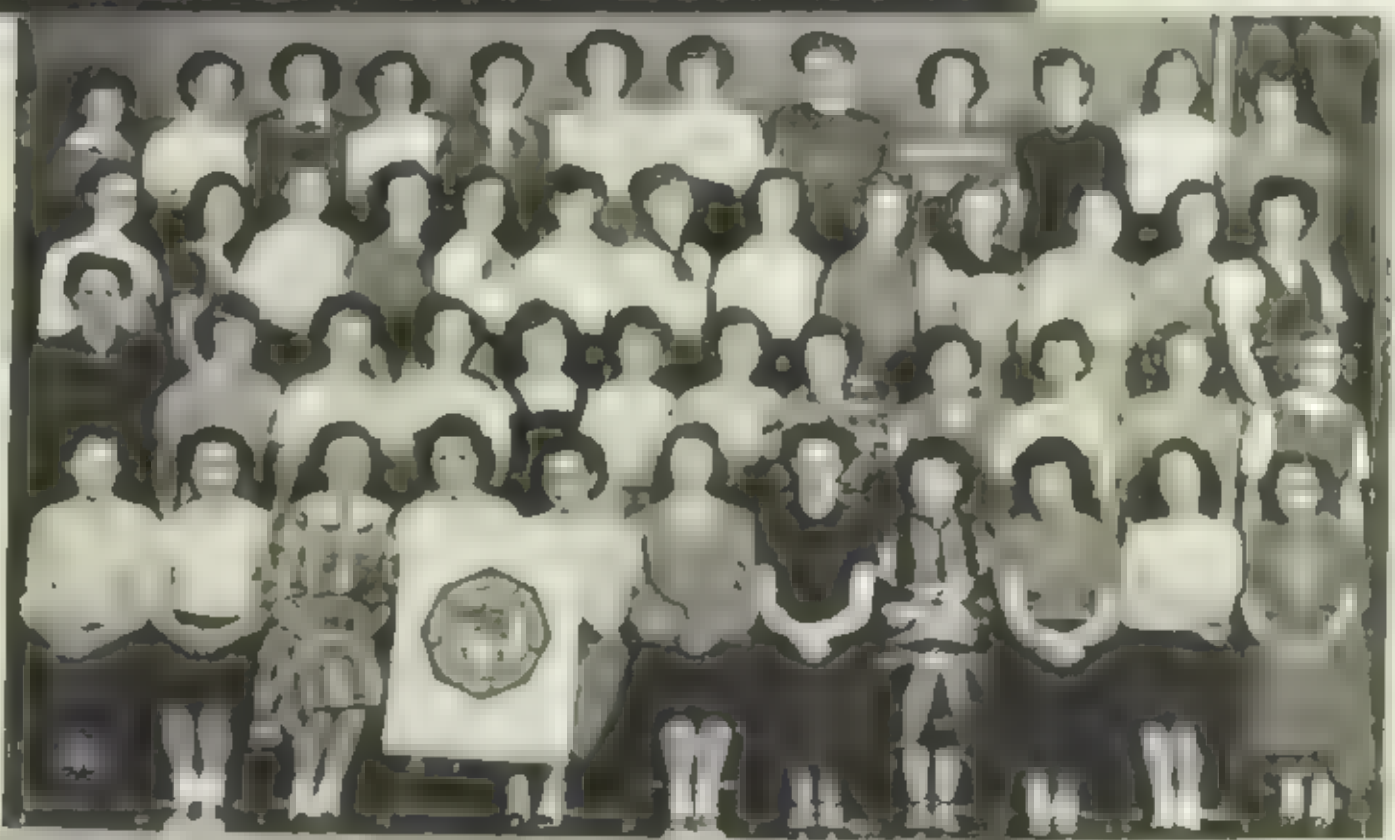
The President of G.A.A. was Jackie Wacker; Vice President, Barbara Tay; Secretary, Marguerite Pressly; and Treasurer, Babs Steffans.

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## SPANISH

(Seated on floor) K. Curry, J. Bender, J. French, N. Watkins, E. Tanous, B. Schreib.

Seated: B. Steffens, P. Crawford, C. Cunningham, J. Brooks, J. Babb, D. Combs.

Standing: C. Andrews, B. Wise, B. Tay, F. Curry, M. McClintock, D. Crawford, F. Hutchison, N. Schreib, C. Vaughn, B. Page, C. Drescher, C. Pflum, C. Soliday, B. Ellis, J. James, R. Gilles, J. Griffin, M. Watkins, D. Hoops, M. Moody, Miss Richner, L. Statzer, C. Reedy, Y. Perry, B. Cullum.

## LETTERMEN

B. Crossman, D. Rund, D. Roberts, D. Elder, C. Pflum, B. Cullum, C. Andrews, L. Vandeventer, B. Wise, G. Elder, L. Soliday, T. Hancock, B. King, B. Anderson, Mr. Weir, G. Hillard, D. Jester, P. Christman, T. Bosch, H. Smith.

## G.A.A.

J. Wacker (Standing), (Sitting) D. Hunt, A. Thompson, B. Beecue, M. Teter, I. Riddle, J. Callahan, K. Curry.

First Row: Miss Manfred, B. Steffens, B. Tay, M. Pressly, V. Rund, L. Auten, J. Fleener, B. Payton, P. Kraft, J. Bender, J. Fleener, N. Rhodes.

Second Row: C. Cunningham, M. Henderson, S. Lassen, B. Page, S. Bennett, S. Patterson, C. Reedy, Y. Perry, B. Ellis, D. Crawford, R. Williams, L. Wells.

Third Row: N. Page, B. Smith, S. Elder, F. Thomas, S. Schreib, M. Watkins, P. Crawford, B. Patterson, M. Best, P. Reinhart.

Fourth Row: M. Robison, C. Wills, J. Bretz, C. Dyke, N. Schreib, M. Hutchison, B. Auten, C. Wacker, E. Happ, I. Dubson, J. French.

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## Flashback

The cheers and pep behind the teams were provided by the suitably titled Pep Club. Chief-rooters were Marguerite Pressly, who served as President, Secretary, Barbara Tay; and Treasurer, Babs Steffens.

Onstage. The acting end of my career was well provided for by the Dramatic and Thespian Clubs. Starring roles in Dramatic Club were played by Charles Andrews, as President; Rose Marie Gilles, as Vice President; and Mary Watkins, as Secretary-Treasurer.

Those who have qualified with the necessary 10 points are members of the Thespian Club.

To keep my business papers in condition and check my itinerary, I asked for the aid of the Commercial Club. Madonna Best, President; Ona Randsdell, Vice President; and Betty Bean, Secretary-Treasurer, were always ready to help me. They also conducted a survey to see what has happened to the graduates of the past.

"Musicals" played an important part in my life. This year we had both boys' and girls' chorus to provide "sound-effects." They attended contests and sang for many school and community programs.

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Spanish Club



Lettermen's Club



G. A. A.

### CAMERA CLUB

C. Pflum, B. Wegeng, E. McCartney, F. Curry, D. Hoops, H. Smith,  
Mr. Schroeder, F. Hutchison, J. Fanakos, D. Roberts, D. Ament.

### THESPIANS

Seated, left to right: M. Mooday, P. Crawford, B. Tay, R. Gilles, C. Andrews, M. Watkins, C. Cunningham, C. Senters, M. Pressly, N. Watkins, S. Maris, Miss Richner, C. Vaughn.

Standing: J. Bender, J. Babb, J. Feildbinder, G. Hillard, B. King, C. Pflum, A. Livengood, C. Drescher, B. Anderson, D. Jester, L. Statzer, J. Callahan, D. Combs, M. Robison.

### DRAMATIC CLUB

Seated, first row: S. Patterson, P. Eversole, F. Basham, B. Patterson, C. Senters, M. Pressley, R. Maris, A. Basham, B. Bean, S. Lassen.

Second Row: B. Steffens, P. Crawford, R. Gilles, C. Andrews, M. Watkins, M. Mooday, N. Watkins.

Third Row: J. Bender, J. Babb, D. Combs, G. Hillard, B. Tay, M. McClintock, B. Anderson, S. Maris, C. Pflum, J. James, E. Eibs, L. Soliday, A. Livengood, D. Elder, C. Drescher, J. Griffin, K. Curry, L. Livengood, C. Cunningham, D. Jester, C. Reed, W. Laley, J. Callahan, M. Jester, C. Vaughn, B. Cullum, M. Teter, M. Robison, Miss Richner, N. McBride.

Fourth Row: J. Feildbinder, D. Massie, B. Crossman, R. McCullum, F. Curry, B. King, B. Wise, B. Schreib, W. Laley, J. Richards, L. Statzer, C. Cannon, D. Hoops.

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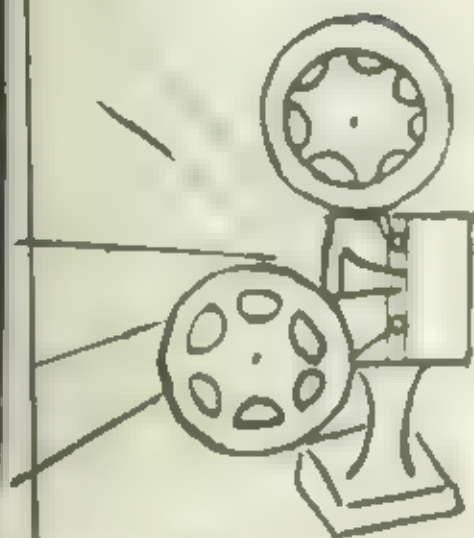
A spirited musical, the band, scored a hit with me through many activities and programs. In February, The Douglas County Music Festival was presented in the Community Building. All Douglas County schools participated and Villa Grove served as the host. It was a big success and they plan to make it a yearly event.

"Leaders" of the Mad Musicians were Marv Watkins, in the capacity of President; Vice President; Charles Pflum; Secretary, Richard Elder; Treasurer and Librarian, Cliff Drescher.

Looking back to the many accomplishments of the school year, 1949-50, I point with pride to the story of my career. My colleagues have been interesting people, and, we have had many wonderful times with a scattering of bad. The unfortunate mishaps are soon forgotten, but memories of the good times will always remain to warm a corner of my heart. This, then, is the story of my career.

Signed,

Villa Grove High School  
Class of '50'



Camera Club

..... Repeat Performance



THE SPYIANS



Dramatic Club



## GIRLS' CHORUS

Director—Mrs. Hanson

Seated, first row: M. Pressly, F. Basham, B. Bean, B. Patterson, R. Williams, C. Reedy, S. Lassen, L. Wells, C. Cunningham.

Standing, first row: H. Melton, M. Schroeder, P. Eversole, M. Robison, A. Thompson, M. Watkins, A. Basham, J. Bretz, P. Cutler, S. Reinhart, A. Livengood, S. Maris, C. Senters, B. Elbs.

Back Row: N. Watkins, B. Steffens, J. Shunk, J. Fieldbinder, D. Maulding, D. Combs, D. Mannin, A. Tucker.

## BOYS' CHORUS

Front Row: Pianist, J. Bender, D. Elder, J. Griffin, F. Curry, H. Rogers, C. Behl, C. Drescher, H. Smith, C. Pilum, B. Anderson, Mr. Whitson, Director.

Back Row: B. Cullum, B. Junkins, D. Hoops, E. McCartney, D. Keith, D. Ament.



.... Words and Music



Girls  
Chorus



Boys  
Chorus

### BAND

First Row: Chloanne Reedy, Jeanine Callahan, Mary F. Teter, Doris Combs, Betty Elbs.

Second Row: Ruth Maris, Don Hoops, Charles Pflum, Kay Curry, Bill Wegeng, Bob Cullum, Carolyn Cunningham.

Third Row: Mr. Whitson, Joan Bender, Ann Livengood, Mary Joyce Watkins, Barbara Patterson, Catherine Senters, Harold Rogers.

Fourth Row: Nelda Watkins, Mary K. Robison, Harold Rogers, Marilyn Schroeder, Ed McCartnev, Barbara Tav.

Fifth Row: Don Bender, Larry Livengood, Frank Curry, Charles Behl, Wilma Laley, Don Ament, Lynn Statzer.



# Band



## DOUBLE FEATURE

### "HOMECOMING"

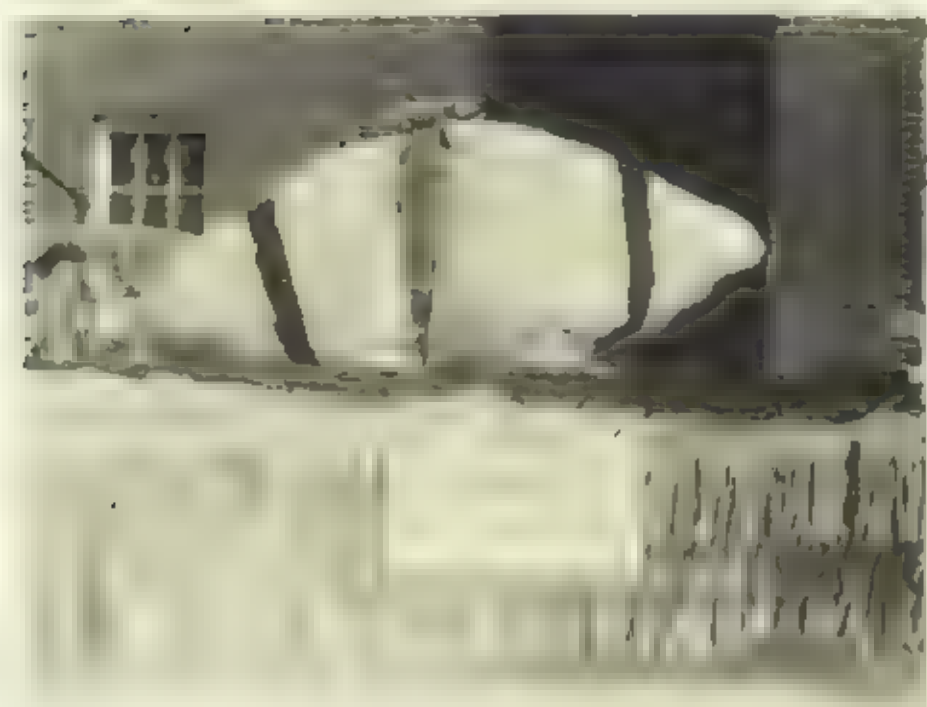
Rose Marie Gilles and "Perk" Christman were crowned King and Queen of the Homecoming Festivities by Mary Frances Wingle and Jack Speelman, last year's royal couple.

The dance was held in the high school gym on September 30. Bud Roderick's band furnished the music.

The attendants for the couple were: Barbara Tay and George Hillard, seniors; Barbara Patterson and John Brooks, juniors; Mary Kay Robison and Charles Cannon, sophomores; Shirley Lassen and Stanley Condiff, freshmen attendants.



# ~ HOMECOMING ~



## "JANUARY THAW"—Senior Class Play

### Characters

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Herbert Gage      | Bob Anderson       |
| Barbara Gage      | Mary Joyce Watkins |
| Paula             | Barbara Tay        |
| Jonathan Rockwood | George Hillard     |
| Matt              | Clifford Drescher  |
| Uncle Walter      | Dale Jester        |
| Carson            | Louis Soliday      |
| Marge Gage        | Rose Marie Gilles  |
| Sarah             | Mary Etta Mooday   |
| Freida            | Phyllis Crawford   |
| Mathilda          | Marguerite Pressly |
| George            | Charles Pflum      |
| Mr. Loomis        | Bob Rieck          |
| Constable         | Joe James          |

The Gage family move to the country to find peace and quiet and a place where Herbert can try to write a "best-seller". It turns out to be anything but peaceful with the arrival of Jonathon and Mathilda, who have a right to live in the Gage home. No one had worried about that clause in the deed because the Rockwoods were supposed to be dead. A series of things begin to happen in which both families try to gain possession of the house.

But in the delightful ending, all is happily and intelligently solved.

## "THOSE WEBSTERS"—Junior Class Play

### Characters

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Bill Webster         | Jack Griffin       |
| Jane Webster         | Joanne Babb        |
| Belinda Boyd         | Ann Livengood      |
| Dolores Mason        | Barbara Patterson  |
| Mr. Watt             | Bob Cullum         |
| Emil Stuler          | Bill Wise          |
| George Webster       | Charles Andrews    |
| Liz                  | Carolyn Cunningham |
| Jeep Stanley         | John Brooks        |
| Kitty                | Pat Reinhart       |
| Shirley Mae Stringer | Norma Dean Rhodes  |
| Football Coach       | Pat Love           |

Bill Webster is in love again—this time with an "older woman"—Kitty, his father's secretary. When Bill invites her to the Homecoming dance, she accepts his invitation only to be nice, not realizing that Belinda, Bill's steady, has been expecting him to ask her and is broken-hearted when he passes her up. Complications arise and Bill tries to get Belinda back by making her jealous. He begins flirting with a southern babe from Charleston, Shirley Mae Stringer. She has a habit of getting engaged about once a week and before he knows it, she is announcing their engagement. However, all turns out well when Bill becomes disengaged from Shirley Mae and gets another chance at his make-up exam so he can play in the homecoming game. But best of all, Bill and Belinda get back together and Bill says he's through with "older women."

# WORKING PLAYING



Senior Play Cast



Junior Play Cast



## BOOSTERS

Compliments to the Class of '50, E. L. Mott & Son  
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Compliments of Modern Cleaners  
Best of Luck, Index Notion Company  
Compliments of Furste Auto Supplies  
Compliments of Continental Loan Office  
Jeanette's, Betty & Norm  
Compliments of Mattesons Market  
Best Wishes, C. F. Watkins Jewelry Store  
Best of Luck, Sweet Shop  
Compliments of Hancocks Haberdashery  
Compliments of Cler Brothers Supply Company  
Compliments of C. T. Henson & Sons  
Best of Luck, Villa Grove News  
Compliments of P. O. Fogerson  
Compliments of Johnson's Restaurant  
Best Wishes, Tohill & Son  
Compliments of Parker's Pastry Shop  
Compliments of C. E. Crawford, Texaco Service Station  
Compliments of Rutan's Service Station & Restaurant  
Best Wishes, Chile's Texaco Service Station & Lunch  
Compliments of Rexall Pharmacy  
Villa Grove Motor Sales—New and Used Cars  
Morris Motor Sales—Ford Sales and Service  
Henson and Wegeng—Insurance Agents and Brokers  
Clementz Motor Sales—Dodge-Plymouth Sales and Service  
Compliments of Hillard Garage  
Compliments of Baird's Automotive Service  
Compliments of Nelle's Beauty Shop  
Compliments of Quillin's Barber Shop  
"Play Shuffleboard at Ideal Tavern"  
Compliments of Roger's Home Appliance—Villa Grove, Ill.  
Compliments of Glenn's Standard Service—Villa Grove, Ill.  
Compliments of Dr. James Taylor  
Always Welcome at Don's I.G.A. Market—Villa Grove, Ill.  
Compliments of Alexander Lumber Co.—Villa Grove, Ill.  
Compliments of G. E. Nussel & Son—Buick Agency and Garage  
Compliments of DuBois Grocery—Open Sundays and Evenings  
Compliments of Dr. C. J. Cunningham—Osteopathic Physcian  
Compliments of Dr. Robert Taylor  
Compliments of Matteson Insurance Agency—Villa Grove, Ill.  
Compliments of Dr. E. M. Tanous, M.D.  
Compliments of Craddick's Flower Shop  
Compliments of U. & S. Cleaners—A Complete Cleaning Service  
Compliments of First National Bank  
Compliments of Wendell Turner and John Lamb

## STAGE AND SETTING

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Utterback kept the building and grounds in order during the year and helped us in many ways. Mr. Campbell has been with us for several years and Mr. Utterback was welcomed into our group last year.









